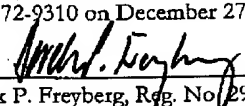


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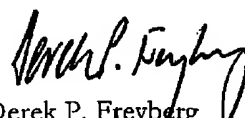
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 9 - 12 to read as follows:

With respect to the individual " α -hydroxy acid containing" unit, p is preferably 1 to 6, more preferably 1 to 4, most preferably 1 or 2; R^5 is preferably hydrogen or methyl; and in the above definitions of R^6 , s is preferably 2 to 12, more preferably 2 to 6 and most preferably 2; and t is preferably 4 to 12, more preferably 4 to 6 and most preferably 6.

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